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DC PRESENTS... SILVERBLADE AND WILD DOG-- TWO BRAND NEW HEROES OF THE 80'S-- EACH IN THEIR OWN ACTION-PACKED LIMITED SERIES!

SILVERBLADE-- A star is about to be born, again.

Once upon a time, **Jonathan Lord** was the brightest superstar in that galaxy of stars, Hollywood. In over 100 films he portrayed every role imaginable, proving himself a master of adventure, romance, and villainy. Surely no man or woman alive could dim this shining star of the silver screen. Certainly he was to be a star forever!

But forever is a long time and Hollywood is a fickle town full of people with short memories, and as time claimed its toll on **Jonathan Lord,** his popularity waned. Until, one day, he retired to his palatial mansion above Sunset Boulevard, turning bitter while 30 years passed with nothing but memories and faded glory from his old films for companionship.

And then comes the eldritch energy of the magical black bird, granting **Jonathan Lord** the power to reclaim his lost youth ... and recreate in real life any role he ever played on film! Thus is the old actor's dream fulfilled as vitality is restored, along with all of his old film adventures of action, romance, and evil!

But *this* time the consequences are for real. There are no stuntmen for the dangerous parts and no one to yell "Cut!" when the going gets tough!

Cary Bates and Gene Colan take you through the life of this once-famous movie star, capturing Hollywood's most magical moments ... and showing us its dark, scary side! The first issue of this 12-issue maxi-series, published in our popular New Format, is inked by Klaus Janson and features a special 32-page origin story, a painted cover by Colan and Neal McPheeters, and a bonus poster!

SILVERBLADE, starring **Jonathan Lord.** Yesterday he only starred in film fantasies. Today, he lives them!

MY GOD! HOW COULD I EVER FELT PITY FOR THIS MAN?
NEARLY THREE DECADES IN FRONT OF THE CAMERAS.
102 FILMS.
YOU NAME IT-- MAN, MYTH OR MONSTER-- AND YOU CAN BET SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY JONATHAN LORD PLAYED IT.
SUCCESS. FAME. FORTUNE... HE HAD IT ALL.
WHY DID I EVER FEEL PITY FOR THIS MAN?
IT WAS HIS CHOICE TO TURN HIS BACK ON THE WORLD OUTSIDE AND RETREAT INTO THIS PRIVATE HELL ABOVE SUNSET BOULEVARD.
HIS OBSESSION WITH THE PAST THAT DESTROYED ANY CHANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE IN THE PRESENT.
HIS NEED TO ESCAPE REALITY THAT PLUNGED HIM LONG AGO INTO A WORLD OF CELLULOID DELUSIONS.
PITY... FOR THIS MAN?
A FOOL.
I'VE BEEN SUCH A FOOL.
The Hands of Dr. Mod with Jonathan Lord
The Phantom
starring Jonathan Lord
Blood Feast
starring Jonathan Lord

September Listings

On Sale June 2

Adventures of Superman Annual #1—Superman is capable of many super-human feats, but sometimes even his great powers fall short of performing the impossible. To save a town from a powerful threat from the stars, the Man of Steel might have to resort to the unthinkable act of ... *murder!* Written by Jim Starlin, pencilled by Dan Jurgens, and inked by Steve Montano. The cover is by Jurgens and Starlin.

Firestorm #63—Prof. Stein is dying, and he's convinced Ronnie that the Nuclear Man should deliver this ultimatum to the world: Destroy all nuclear weapons or *else!* His threat just might work ... if Captain Atom doesn't pound him senseless and World War III can be stopped in time! Scripted by John Ostrander, with art by Joe Brozowski and Dick Giordano.

Flash #4—Flash begins to suspect that some days it doesn't pay to be a super-hero, like when the Kilg%re has the entire world at its mercy and all that stands between it and total domination is him and Cyborg of the Titans! Written by Mike Baron, with art and cover by Jackson Guice and Larry Mahlstedt.

The Justice League #5—Guy Gardner has taken all he's going to from the new League's leader, the Batman! Now comes the showdown between the Darknight Detective and an ex-member of the Green Lantern Corps ... while their comrades and guest-star, the eerie Creeper, can only pray that the League can survive the division! Written by Keith Giffen and J. Marc DeMatteis, with art and cover by Kevin Maguire and Al Gordon.

Tales of the Teen Titans #81—The earth is about to be overrun by ... giant robot dinosaurs from outer space?! The Titans and Dr. Light combine forces to stop this unorthodox extraterrestrial menace, in this story written by Marv Wolfman and John Byrne, with art by Byrne and José Luis Garcia Lopez. **Plus:** brand-new bonus pin-ups by Paris Cullins, Chuck Patton, and Steve Rude! Cover by Byrne. *Originally presented in* **New Teen Titans Annual #2.**

Vigilante #45—He's wanted for everything from car theft to the murder of a police officer, and now the Vigilante is under arrest! Harry Stein and Black Thorn both want to break him out of jail as quickly as possible, before he's moved to heavier security ... or his fellow prisoners get their hands on him! Written by Paul Kupperberg, pencilled by Tod Smith, and inked by Rick Burchett. Cover by Smith. *Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe format.*

The Outsiders #23—It's a race to see who's going to claim credit for saving New York City from destruction, the Outsiders or the newly returned People's Heroes! Scripted by Mike W. Barr, pencilled by David Ross and inked by Bob Smith. Cover by Jim Aparo. *Deluxe format.*

Who's Who Update '87 #2—*mini-series.* Is everybody following along in their alphabet primers? This month, in the second of five issues, we present the new characters, corrected info, and all-new art, beginning with the characters in the letter "C". Catwoman, Ch'p, Electric Warrior, Flash III ... very good, class...! Art is by Alan Davis, Jim Baikie, Jackson Guice, David Mazzucchelli, George Pérez, and many more! Cover by Joe Brozowski and Dick Giordano.

Wild Dog #1—*mini-series.* Who is Wild Dog? This much is for certain ... he's the country's newest hero from the heartland of America, and he's single-handedly declared war on the Mafia and international terrorism! As for the rest of his story, read this four-part mini-series and see if you can guess his identity before we tell you! Written by Max Allan Collins, pencilled by Terry Beatty, and inked by Dick Giordano. Cover by Beatty and Giordano.

Wonder Woman #8—Share the personal views and untold stories of Princess Diana as told in vignettes by Julia, Etta, Vanessa ... and the villainous Cheetah! Story, pencils, and cover by George Pérez, dialogue by Len Wein, and inks by Bruce Patterson.

On Sale June 9

Blue Beetle #16—Chicago's homeless now have a new burden to add to their sad lives as a mad killer has targeted them as his victims! The Beetle has to find out who is doing the killing and why before even more monstrous crimes occur! Story by Len Wein, pencilled by Ross Andru, and inked by Danny Bulanadi.

Electric Warrior #17—If you thought you knew all there was to know about the Electric Warrior's past ... guess again! The battle with the invading Terrans brings revelations of treachery, heroism, and tragedy! Scripted by Doug Moench, pencilled by Jim Baikie, and inked by Dennis Janke. Cover by Baikie. *Deluxe format.*

Legion of Super-Heroes #38—The conclusion of the four-part **Superboy Cross-Over!** The story ran through the pages of **Legion, Superman,** and **Action Comics,** and it ends here ... answering once and for all the question of who is "the greatest hero of all": Superboy! Story by Paul Levitz, with art by Greg LaRocque and Mike DeCarlo. Painted cover by Bill Sienkiewicz. *Deluxe format.*

Batman #411—Two-Face's premise is very simple ... either the Batman guesses his duplicitous schemes, or the twin-faceted villain will bring Gotham City to its knees! Written by Max Allan Collins, pencilled by Dave Cockrum, and inked by Mike DeCarlo.

Lords of the Ultra-Realm Special #1—The Ultra-Realm has been recreated and its Lords reborn! Now twin sons have been borne of a union between Love and Hate, and their birth will cause repercussions that will be felt all the way to Earth! This one-shot special was written by Doug Moench, pencilled by Pat Broderick, and inked by Dick Giordano. Cover by Broderick. *Deluxe format.*

Secret Origins #18—From the Golden Age of Comics comes the secret origin of the original wielder of the Emerald Ring of power, Green Lantern, in a story by Roy Thomas and George Freeman. **Also:** the Creeper is back and we had *all* better watch ourselves! The origin of one of comicdom's strangest heroes is retold, by Andrew Helfer, Keith Giffen, and Rick Bryant. Cover by Bill Sienkiewicz.

Silverblade #1—*maxi-series.* A story of magic, both the kind found in the realm of the supernatural ... and the magic of the silver screen! Jonathan Lord was once a star of the latter, but now he's out to master the former with the eldritch energy of a black bird which enables him to become anyone he's ever played on film! This most unusual 12-issue tale of Hollywood is by Cary Bates, Gene Colan, and Klaus Janson. The painted cover is by Colan and Neal McPheeters. *New format.*

Star Trek #42—When the crew refer to the *Enterprise,* they call it "she," as though the star-ship were a thing alive. But now there's something infesting the *Enterprise's* circuits. Something deadly ... something most definitely *alive!* Story by Mike Carlin, pencilled by Tom Sutton, and inked by Ricardo Villagran. Cover by Joe Brozowski and Bob Lewis.

Flash Annual #1

N E W R E L E A S E S

Superman #9—Have you heard the one about the Joker deciding to move his mirthfully murderous mayhem to Metropolis? Superman has, and he is *not* amused! Written and pencilled by John Byrne and inked by Karl Kesel. Cover by Byrne.

Young All-Stars #4—She calls herself the Tigress, and she could very well be the newest member of the Young All-Stars ... provided she doesn't turn out to be on the wrong side of the war! Scripted by Roy and Dann Thomas, pencilled by Brian Murray, and inked by Malcolm Jones. Cover by Murray. *New format.*

On Sale June 16

Adventures of Superman #432—When all-out gang war explodes in Metropolis, even Superman is unable to combat with it all. Good thing for the Man of Steel and the citizens of Metropolis that there's Gangbuster to lend a hand! Written by Marv Wolfman, with art and cover by Jerry Ordway.

Booster Gold #20—The good news is that Booster has found a way to counteract the multi-hued menace of the Rainbow Raider. The bad news is ... he's blind! Story, pencils, and cover by Dan Jurgens.

Dr. Fate #3—*mini-series.* The child Eric Strauss is forced to grow up fast ... literally, as he becomes the *new* Dr. Fate ... the last best hope for the survival of mankind against the forces of the Anti-Fate and the Lords of Chaos. Guest-stars the new Justice League and the Phantom Stranger. Written by J. Marc DeMatteis, pencilled by Keith Giffen, and inked by Dave Hunt. Cover by Giffen. *Deluxe format.*

Green Lantern Corps #216—Hal Jordan doesn't know it as he travels back from the future, but once he gets home he'll be facing one of the greatest menaces of his career as Green Lantern ... Carl Ferris?! Story by Steve Englehart, with art and cover by Ian Gibson and Mark Farmer.

Infinity, Inc. #42—Fury's search for the father of her unborn child leads her to quit the Infinitors! Too bad nobody can warn her that he's become the captive of Dr. Hastor, whose plans for him are *not* pleasant. Scripted by Roy and Dann Thomas, pencilled by Vince Argondezzi, and inked by Tony DeZuniga. Cover by Argondezzi and DeZuniga. *Deluxe format.*

The New Teen Titans #35—Be careful of what you dream, Titans ... it could just turn into a crystalline nightmare when a weaver of dreams sets his sights on the Titans' destruction! Story by Marv Wolfman, pencilled by guest-artist Pat Broderick, and inked by Romeo Tanghal. Cover by Broderick and Tanghal. *Deluxe format.*

The Shadow #2—The Shadow and his team of undercover operatives have declared bloody war on the underworld ... and police Inspector Cardona's declared war on them! Written by Andrew Helfer, with art and cover by Bill Sienkiewicz. *Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe format.*

Justice League Annual #1—The earth's population is slowly losing its will, as a mind-numbing evil spreads across the globe! It was for such deadly missions that the new League was formed ... and now they'll find out if they're up to the challenge! Story by Keith Giffen, scripted by J. Marc DeMatteis, and pencils by Bill Willingham. The cover is by Willingham and Joe Rubenstein.

Swamp Thing #64—Alan Moore ends his award-winning run as writer of this unique series with a tale reuniting Swamp Thing and Abby ... at least for the time being. Steve Bissette, Rick Veitch, and Tom Yeates provide the pencils, with inks by Yeates and Alfredo Alcala, and a painted cover by John Totleben. *Suggested for mature readers. New format.*

Warlord #121—DeSaad's evil scheme to bring war to Skartaris bears fruit ... and Travis Morgan is powerless to prevent it! Power Girl and Jennifer are also otherwise engaged against a demon threatening New Atlantis. Written by Michael Fleisher, pencilled by Art Thibert, and inked by Pablo Marcos. Cover by Jerry Bingham.

On Sale June 23

Centurions #4—*mini-series.* The adventure concludes as the Centurions, who have always been the guardians of mankind, now turn against humanity! Who tricked them onto the road to evil...? Written by Bob Rozakis, pencilled by Don Heck, and inked by Al Vey. Cover by Heck and Vey. Final issue.

Detective Comics #578—The special four-part saga chronicling **Batman: Year Two** reaches its shattering climax as Bruce Wayne falls in love with the daughter of his greatest enemy, and The Batman must save the life of the man who murdered his parents! Story by Mike W. Barr, pencils by Todd McFarlane, and inks by Alfredo Alcala. Cover by McFarlane and Pablo Marcos.

Green Arrow: The LongBow Hunters #2—*mini-series.* Part two of three, as the CIA finds itself up to its secret codes in the corpses of senior citizens and a covert cover-up. Green Arrow uncovers a part of it, though, when he finds out who "Shadow" is ... and Black Canary contributes her piece of the puzzle with the cocaine connection! Story, art, and painted cover by Mike Grell, with the interior full-painted color supplied by Julia Lacquement. *Suggested for mature readers. Prestige format.*

Action Comics #592—Part one of two, as Big Barda learns that while the fiery pits of Apokolips are bad, the seedy side of Metropolis can be even worse! Superman will do his best to protect her from the city's dark side. Story, layouts, and cover by John Byrne, finished art by Dick Giordano.

Captain Atom #7—A deadly experimental weapon left over from the Viet Nam War falls into the hands of an evil warlord, and Captain Atom and Steve Trevor have to go into Cambodia to retrieve it! **Plus,** the return of Plastique. Story by Cary Bates, pencils by Pat Broderick, and inks by Bob Smith. Cover by Broderick.

Hawkman #14—When their masks become haunted the Hawks need to unravel the mystery behind them. And to do that, they're going to need the help of more than one ghost! Written by Dan Mishkin, pencilled by Richard Howell, and inked by Carlos Garzon. Cover by Howell.

MASK #8—Isn't it always the way? Just when Matt Trakker finds the time for a well-deserved vacation, he has to stumble across more trouble than he needs, and it's business as usual! Scripted by Michael Fleisher, pencilled by Curt Swan, inked by Kurt Schaffenberger, and a cover by Swan and Murphy Anderson.

Question #8—It's a matter of justice over law and order—a thin line which the Question treads while fighting the Mikado. Will the punishment fit the crime? Written by Dennis O'Neil, with art by Denys Cowan and Rick Magyar. Cover by Cowan and Bill Sienkiewicz. *Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe format.*

Flash Annual #1—His merest touch causes death! A new villain? No ... it's Flash, and it's going to take a nine-year-old boy to help him learn to control this Death Touch and turn it into a positive force before someone is killed! Story by Mike Baron, with art and cover by Jackson Guice and Larry Mahlstedt.

Spectre #6—If you've ever ridden the New York subway system, you'll know just how bad it can get sometimes ... but the appearance of a demon in those tunnels creates real havoc! The Spectre is there to stop its deadly rampage, but that doesn't much help make for a smooth rush-hour crunch! Written by Doug Moench, pencils by Gene Colan, inks by Steve Mitchell, and cover by José Luis Garcia-Lopez. *New format.*

Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes #351—The Fatal Five take the life of a hero, and that shock is compounded by the revelation of the secret behind the mysterious Sensor Girl! Written by Paul Levitz, pencilled by Greg LaRocque, and inked by Mike DeCarlo. *Originally presented in* **Legion of Super-Heroes #26.**

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Who is WILD DOG?

He could be you or me.

He's a man fed up with the grip organized crime and international terrorism hold upon the innocent, peace-loving people of the world!

He's **WILD DOG,** and he's the newest star in the DC Universe. From out of the heartland of America he has gathered together an arsenal of some of the most deadly, up-to-date weapons he can lay his angry hands on to fight his one-man battle against the mobsters who want to own Iowa. And that's only the start of **WILD DOG'S** incredible four-issue war on the perpetrators of crime and violence.

And how do local law enforcement agencies feel about the deadly methods of their very unauthorized partner against crime? Approving or not, there's not a cop alive who doesn't want a look beneath the changing commando-like protective mask **WILD DOG** wears on his dangerous and always deadly forays into the eternal midnight of the underworld. And there's not a man or woman who has ever faced the fear of crime or terrorism who wouldn't want to trade places with him.

If *only* they had the nerve of a **WILD DOG!**

Award-winning writer Max Allan Collins teams up with his partner in the successful **Ms. Tree** series, Terry Beatty, and inker Dick Giordano in this new and gritty true-to-life mini-series.

You'll wonder *who* is **WILD DOG**...?

And then you'll wonder how we ever survived this long without him!

Also News...

The three-part Prestige Format mini-series, **GREEN ARROW: THE LONGBOW HUNTERS,** continues as the Emerald Archer searches for the true identity of the mysterious "Shadow" to find out what's behind the murder of senior citizens. Meanwhile, the CIA continues its cover-up and **Black Canary** unravels the cocaine connection! Mike Grell is writer and artist on this monumental mini-series (as well as providing the painted wraparound covers!), with interior full-color painting over Mike's art by Julia Lacquement!

' Who watches the Watchmen?" For the past year, Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons' landmark Deluxe Format maxi-series, **WATCHMEN,** has kept you guessing the answer to that question with some of the most remarkable and controversial stories and characterization in the history of comics. Now, at long last, the mysteries are solved and the comics question of the decade is resolved in the final, full-length 32-page conclusion! **WATCHMEN #12** ... the answer revealed!

On the other end of the spectrum, another series *returns* in a one-shot special (also in the Deluxe format) in the **LORDS OF THE ULTRA-REALM SPECIAL #1.** You only *thought* the **Ultra-Realm** had been destroyed, but the new Overlord, **Falkon,** has recreated it and all its **Lords.** And now that the twin sons born of a union between Love and Hate have entered the picture, the **Realm** is certain to have its impact felt as far away as distant earth, in this story told by writer Doug Moench and artists Pat Broderick and Dick Giordano!

The summer "Annual Season" continues in full swing with a trio of brand-new annual titles, beginning with **ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN ANNUAL #1,** in which the Man of Steel must face a chilling moral dilemma, in a story written by Jim Starlin, with art by Dan Jurgens and Steve Montano. Next up is the **JUSTICE LEAGUE ANNUAL #1** as the new **LEAGUE** faces its deadliest challenger yet, a mind-numbing menace that threatens earth with destruction, written by Keith Giffen and J. Marc DeMatteis and pencilled by Bill Willingham. And, last but not least, **FLASH** must learn to deal with his "Death Touch" before this newfound power to kill with the slightest touch causes someone's death. **FLASH ANNUAL #1** is written by Mike Baron, pencilled by Jackson Guice, and inked by Larry Mahlstedt.

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Watchmen #12—*maxi-series.* The most controversial maxi-series in the history of the medium comes to a stunning conclusion with a full-length, 32-page tale which finally answers the question ... "Who watches the Watchmen?" Secrets are revealed, and when it's over, you'll never look at super-heroes in quite the same way again! This incredible story is by writer Alan Moore and artist Dave Gibbons, who also provides the cover. Final issue. *Deluxe format.*

Suicide Squad #5—A mission to Russia goes awry, despite a plan hatched by the Penguin. Now the Suicide Squad is trapped and it doesn't look good...! Story by John Ostrander, pencilled by Luke McDonnell, and inked by Bob Lewis. Cover by McDonnell and Lewis.

Teen Titans Spotlight #14—As a boy, Dick Grayson used to look to the Batman for guidance as Robin, the Boy Wonder. Now he's known as Nightwing, leader of the Titans ... and now it's the Batman who turns to Nightwing for help. Story by Michael Reaves and pencils by Stan Woch.

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